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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: May 29, 1974

SUBJECT: Venezuelan Interest in Migration Toward Essequibo Region of Guyana

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With further reference to the information contained in my Memcon of May 21, Mr. Horan phoned me again to say that a Dr. Talbot, Bishop of the Peoples' Disciples Movement, was in charge of the migratory effort. The "Matthews Ridge" sector had been chosen as the most salubrious area available, and the influx of these 4,000 black U.S. citizens and Cubans was being encouraged by persons concerned over a recrudescence of pro-Jagan and pro-Communist political strength within Guyana.

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